

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2008-404-C - ORDER NO. 2009-153

MARCH 6, 2009

IN RE:	Application of Central Telecom Long	)	ORDER GRANTING
	Distance, Inc. for a Certificate of Public	)	CERTIFICATE AND
	Convenience and Necessity to Provide	)	APPROVING MODIFIED
	Resold Interexchange Telecommunications	)	ALTERNATIVE
	Services within the State of South Carolina	)	REGULATION
	and for Alternative Regulation	)	
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") by way of the Application of Central Telecom Long Distance, Inc. ("Central" or the "Company") requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing it to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina. The Company's Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-280 (Supp. 2008) and the rules and regulations of the Commission. By its Application, Central also requests alternative regulation of its business interexchange services consistent with Commission Orders, and waiver of certain Commission regulations.

The Commission's Docketing Department instructed Central to publish, one time, a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the areas of the state affected by the Application. The purpose of the Notice of Filing was to inform interested parties of the Application of Central and of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate

pleadings for participation in the proceeding. Central complied with this instruction and provided the Commission with proof of publication of the Notice of Filing. No Petitions to Intervene or Protests were filed.

Subsequently, Central and ORS filed a Settlement Agreement attached hereto as Order Exhibit 1. A hearing was convened on February 9, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in the offices of the Commission in Columbia, South Carolina, before David Butler, Hearing Examiner. Central was represented by Bonnie D. Shealy, Esquire. The Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) was represented by C. Lessie Hammonds, Esquire.

Deborah Baker, President of the Company, testified in support of the Company’s Application. The record reveals that Central is a privately-held corporation organized under the laws of the State of Colorado, which is registered to transact business in South Carolina. According to Ms. Baker, the Company seeks authority as a reseller of interexchange services. Ms. Baker explained the Company’s request for authority, and the record further reveals the Company’s services, operations, and marketing procedures. The Company intends to market interexchange services. Ms. Baker also discussed Central’s technical, financial, and managerial resources to provide the services for which it seeks authority.

With regard to technical, financial, and managerial capabilities, the Company’s Application and Ms. Baker’s testimony both evidence that Central’s management has extensive experience in telecommunications, information technology, regulatory matters, and accounting and finance. Ms. Baker also testified that Central will operate in accordance with Commission rules, regulations, guidelines, and Commission Orders.

Ms. Baker offered that approval of Central's Application would serve the public interest.

Ms. Baker, on behalf of the Company, requests a waiver of 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-610, since the Company's books are maintained in another state. The Company also requests a waiver of any Commission policy that would require it to maintain its books under the Uniform System of Accounts ("USOA") method. The Company uses Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") to maintain its books. Therefore, according to the Company, it would create a hardship to maintain a separate accounting system.

After consideration of the applicable law, the Company's Application, and the evidence presented at the hearing, the Commission hereby issues its findings of fact and conclusions of law:

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Central is organized under the laws of the State of Colorado as a privately-held corporation, and is authorized to do business in South Carolina by the Secretary of State.
2. Central desires to operate as a provider of resold interexchange services in South Carolina.
3. We find that Central possesses the managerial, technical, and financial experience and capability to operate as a provider, through resale, of interexchange services in South Carolina.
4. We find that the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Central to operate as a reseller of interexchange services in South Carolina

would be in the best interest of the citizens of South Carolina by providing more innovative services.

5. Central requests a waiver of 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-610, and for waiver of any Commission policy that would require it to maintain its books under USOC. The Commission finds Central's requested waivers reasonable and understands the potential difficulty presented to Central should the waivers not be granted.

6. The Company has the managerial, technical, and financial resources to provide the services as described in its Application.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The Commission concludes that Central possesses the managerial, technical, and financial resources to provide the telecommunications services as described in its Application.

2. The Commission concludes that the issuance of the authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services as requested by Central and as set forth in its Application and Ms. Baker's testimony is in the best interests of the citizens of the State of South Carolina.

3. The Commission concludes that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should be granted to Central to provide resold intrastate interexchange telecommunications services.

4. The Commission adopts a rate design for Central for its residential interexchange services, if any, which include maximum rate levels for each tariff charge. A rate structure incorporating maximum rate levels with the flexibility for adjustment

below the maximum rate levels has been previously adopted by the Commission. *In Re: Application of GTE Sprint Communications Corporation, etc.*, Order No. 84-622, issued in Docket No. 84-10-C (August 2, 1984).

5. Central shall not adjust its residential interexchange rates for end-users, if any, below the approved maximum level without notice to the Commission and to the public. Central shall file its proposed rate changes, publish its notice of such changes, and file affidavits of publication with the Commission two weeks prior to the effective date of the changes. However, the public notice requirement is waived, and therefore not required, for reductions below the maximum cap in instances which do not affect the general body of subscribers or do not constitute a general rate reduction. *In Re: Application of GTE Sprint Communications, etc.*, Order No. 93-638, issued in Docket No. 84-10-C (July 16, 1993). Any proposed increase in the maximum rate level for residential interexchange services reflected in the tariff which would be applicable to the general body of the Company's subscribers shall constitute a general ratemaking proceeding and will be treated in accordance with the notice and hearing provisions of S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-540 (Supp. 2006?).

6. The Commission concludes that Central's intrastate interexchange business telecommunications services shall be regulated in accordance with the principles and procedures established for alternative regulation of business service offerings set out in Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C. The Commission has previously granted this "alternative regulation" to competitive intrastate interexchange carriers operating within South Carolina, and the Commission concludes that the

competitive marketplace requires the Commission to allow this flexible regulation to those carriers which request it. Specifically, the Commission-approved alternative regulation allows business service offerings, including consumer card services and operator services, to be subject to a relaxed regulatory scheme identical to that granted to AT&T Communications in Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C.

However, pursuant to Order No. 2001-997 (Docket No. 2000-407-C), this Commission has modified alternative regulation by the re-imposition of rate caps with regard to certain “operator-assisted calls” where a customer uses a local exchange carrier’s calling card to complete calls from locations which have not selected that local exchange carrier as the toll provider. Order No. 2001-997, dated November 8, 2001, imposed a maximum cap of \$1.75 for operator surcharges for such calls, and a maximum cap of \$0.35 related to the flat per-minute rate associated with these calls. Under this relaxed regulatory scheme, tariff filings for business services shall be presumed valid upon filing. The Commission will have seven days in which to institute an investigation of any tariff filing. If the Commission institutes an investigation of a particular tariff filing within the seven days, the tariff filing will then be suspended until further Order of the Commission.

7. We conclude that Central’s request for waiver of 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-610 and use of the USOC should be granted. The waivers are not contrary to the public interest.

8. The Settlement Agreement between the Company and ORS should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

1. A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity should be granted to Central to provide intrastate interexchange services through the resale of services authorized for resale by tariffs of carriers approved by the Commission within the State of South Carolina.

2. The Company's rate designs for its products shall conform to those designs described in Conclusions of Law above.

3. If it has not already done so by the date of issuance of this Order, Central shall file its revised tariff. The revised tariff shall be consistent with the findings of this Order and shall be consistent with the Commission's Rules and Regulations, as well as the provisions of the Central-ORS Settlement Agreement.

4. The Company's service is subject to access charges pursuant to Commission Order No. 86-584, in which the Commission determined that for access purposes resellers and facilities-based interexchange carriers should be treated similarly.

5. With regard to the Company's resale of service, an end-user should be able to access another interexchange carrier or operator service provider if the end-user so desires.

6. Central shall resell the services of only those interexchange carriers or LECs authorized to do business in South Carolina by this Commission. If Central changes underlying carriers, it shall notify the Commission in writing.

7. With regard to the origination and termination of toll calls within the same LATA, Central shall comply with the terms of Order No. 93-462, Order Approving

Stipulation and Agreement, in Docket Nos. 92-182-C, 92-183-C, and 92-200-C (June 3, 1993), with the exception of the 10-XXX intraLATA dialing requirement, which has been rendered obsolete by the toll dialing parity rules established by the FCC pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (See, 47 CFR 51.209). Specifically, Central shall comply with the imputation standard as adopted by Order No. 93-462 and more fully described in paragraph 4 of the Stipulation and Appendix B approved by Order No. 93-462.

8. In addition to the financial filings required supra, Central shall file annual financial information in the form of annual reports and gross receipts reports as required by the Commission. The annual report and the gross receipt report will necessitate the filing of intrastate information. Therefore, Central shall keep financial records on an intrastate basis for South Carolina to comply with the annual report and gross receipts filings. The proper form for filing annual financial information can be found at the Commission's website at the ORS's website at [www.regulatorystaff.sc.gov](http://www.regulatorystaff.sc.gov). The title of this form is "Telecommunications Company Annual Report." This form shall be utilized by the Company to file annual financial information with the Commission and ORS and shall be filed no later than **April 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Commission gross receipts forms are due to be filed with the Commission and ORS no later than **August 31<sup>st</sup>** of each year. The proper form for filing gross receipts information can be found at the ORS website at [www.regulatorystaff.sc.gov](http://www.regulatorystaff.sc.gov), and the appropriate form is entitled "Gross Receipts Form."



Each telecommunications company certified in South Carolina is required to file annually with the ORS the South Carolina Universal Service Fund (“USF”) Contribution Worksheet, which may be found on the ORS’s website at [www.regulatorystaff.sc.gov](http://www.regulatorystaff.sc.gov). This worksheet provides ORS information required to determine each telecommunications company’s liability to the State USF fund. The South Carolina Universal Service Fund Contribution Worksheet is due to be filed annually no later than **July 1<sup>st</sup>** with the Commission and ORS.

9. The Company shall, in compliance with Commission regulations, designate and maintain an authorized utility representative who is prepared to discuss, on a regulatory level, customer relations (complaint) matters, engineering operations, tests, and repairs. In addition, the Company shall provide to the Commission and ORS in writing the name of the authorized representative to be contacted in connection with general management duties as well as emergencies which occur during non-office hours. Central shall file the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of these representatives with the Commission within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order. The “Authorized Utility Representative Information” form can be found at the ORS website at [www.regulatorystaff.sc.gov](http://www.regulatorystaff.sc.gov); this form shall be utilized for the provision of this information to the Commission and ORS. Further, the Company shall promptly notify the Commission and ORS in writing if the representatives are replaced.

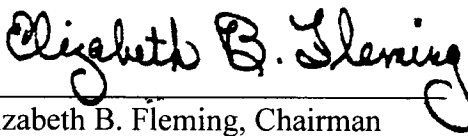
10. The Company is directed to comply with all Rules and Regulations of the Commission, unless a regulation is specifically waived by the Commission.

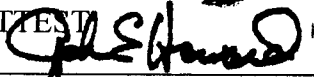
11. At the hearing, Central requested a waiver of 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-610 and use of the USOC. The Commission finds Central's requested waivers reasonable and understands the potential difficulty presented to Central should the waivers not be granted. The Commission therefore grants the requested waivers. However, Central shall make available its books and records at all reasonable times upon request by the Office of Regulatory Staff, and Central shall promptly notify the Commission and ORS if the location of its books and records changes.

12. The Settlement Agreement between Central and ORS is hereby approved.

13. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST  
  
John E. Howard, Vice Chairman

(SEAL)

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<b>Distance, Inc. for a Certificate of</b>	)	
<b>Public Convenience and Necessity to</b>	)	
<b>Provide Resold Interexchange</b>	)	<b>SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT</b>
<b>Telecommunications Services and</b>	)	
<b>Alternative Regulation</b>	)	

This Settlement Agreement (“Settlement Agreement”) is made by and among the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) and Central Telecom Long Distance, Inc. (“Central Telecom” or “the Company”) (collectively referred to as the “Parties” or sometimes individually as “Party”);

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2008, the Company filed its Application requesting: (i) a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity be granted authorizing the Company to provide resold interexchange services throughout the State of South Carolina; (ii) alternative regulation of its interexchange services, consumer card, and any future operator service offerings in accordance with Orders 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 96-661-C as modified by Order No. 2001-997 in Docket No. 2000-407-C; (iii) for waiver of certain Commission Regulations, specifically Regulation 103-610 regarding location of records; and (iv) a waiver of any requirement to maintain financial records in conformance with the Uniform System of Accounts (“USOA”) because the Company utilizes Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) to maintain its books and records;

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2008, the Company pre-filed the direct testimony of

Deborah Baker with the Commission;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this proceeding is to review the application filed by the Company and its requests: (i) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina; (ii) for alternative regulation of its interexchange services consistent with Orders 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 96-661-C as modified by Order No. 2001-997 in Docket No. 2000-407-C; (iii) for waiver of certain Commission Regulations, specifically Regulations 103-610 regarding location of records; and (iv) for waiver of any requirement to maintain financial records in conformance with the USOA;

WHEREAS, since the filing of the notice, ORS has conducted a review of the technical, managerial, and financial expertise of the Company to provide the services requested in the Application;

WHEREAS, ORS has reviewed the Application and the financial data provided by the Company, and ORS has calculated certain performance ratios based upon information provided by the Company;

WHEREAS, ORS has investigated the services to be offered by the Company and its intended customer service plans;

WHEREAS, ORS has reviewed the proposed tariffs submitted by the Company;

WHEREAS, ORS has reviewed the pre-filed testimony of Deborah Baker;

WHEREAS, as a result of its investigations, ORS has determined: (a) the Company intends to offer resold long-distance telecommunications services in the state of South Carolina; (b) the Company's officers possess sufficient technical and managerial abilities to adequately provide the services applied for; (c) based upon the information provided, the Company appears

to have access to sufficient financial resources necessary to provide the services proposed in its application; (d) the Company's proposed tariffs with the amendments as agreed to in this Settlement Agreement comply with Commission statutes and regulations; (e) the services offered by the Company will meet the service standards required by the Commission; (f) the provision of services by the Company will not adversely impact the availability of affordable telecommunications services; (g) to the extent it is required to do so by the Commission, the Company will participate in the support of universally available telephone service at affordable rates; and (h) the provision of services by the Company will not adversely impact the public interest;

WHEREAS, to ensure compliance with the Commission's statutes and regulations, the Parties have agreed to the following comprehensive settlement of all issues in this docket;

WHEREFORE, in the spirit of compromise, the Parties hereby stipulate and agree to the following terms and conditions:

- 1) The Parties agree that the Company's Application and exhibits to the Application are incorporated into this Settlement Agreement and made a part hereof;
- 2) The Parties agree to stipulate into the record before the Commission this Settlement Agreement. The Parties also agree to stipulate to the pre-filed testimony of the Company's witness Deborah Baker without cross-examination by ORS;
- 3) The Company has submitted financial data, under seal, which was provided as Exhibit D to the Application and which financial data is incorporated by reference;
- 4) The Parties agree that the Company should be granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services within the state of South Carolina;

5) The Company has requested a waiver of 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-610 concerning the location of books and records. However, S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-380 (Supp. 2007) provides that:

Each telephone utility shall have an office in one of the counties of this State in which its property or some part thereof is located and shall keep in such office all such books, accounts, papers and records as shall reasonably be required by the Office of Regulatory Staff. No books, accounts, papers or records required by the ORS to be kept within the State shall be removed at any time from the State except upon such conditions as may be prescribed by the Office of Regulatory Staff.

ORS is agreeable to allowing the Company to maintain its books and records outside of the State of South Carolina in exchange for the Company agreeing to provide access to its books and records. ORS is agreeable to the Company maintaining its books and records at its principal offices in the State of Colorado, and the Company agrees to notify the ORS of any change in the location of the principal office or in the location where the books and records are maintained. This provision of the Settlement Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver by ORS of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-4-55 (Supp. 2007) or § 58-9-1070 (Supp. 2007). ORS expressly reserves its rights to require the production of books, records, and other information located within or outside of the State of South Carolina in order to carry out its duties and compliance with any state or federal regulation;

6) The Company has requested a waiver of any rule or regulation that might require a carrier to maintain its financial records in conformance with the USOA. The Company acknowledges that S.C. Code Ann. § 58-9-340 (Supp. 2007) provides that the ORS may, in its discretion and subject to the approval of the Commission, prescribe systems of accounts to be kept by telephone utilities subject to the commission's jurisdiction and that the ORS may prescribe the manner in which the accounts shall be kept and may require every telephone utility

to keep its books, papers, and records accurately and faithfully according to the system of accounts as prescribed by the ORS. The Company agrees to keep its books, papers, and records in such a manner that permits ORS to determine and audit its revenues and expenses for its South Carolina operations and for compliance with programs such as but not limited to the Universal Service Fund ("USF"), the Interim LEC Fund, and gross receipts. The Company agrees to complete the reporting forms for programs such as but not limited to the annual report, USF, Interim LEC, and gross receipts as may be required by the ORS of telecommunications companies certificated to operate within South Carolina and as the reporting forms may be amended from time to time;

7) ORS does not oppose the Company's requests: (a) for alternative regulation of its interexchange business services, consumer card services, and operator services consistent with the procedures described and set forth in Orders 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 96-661-C as modified by Order No. 2001-997 in Docket No. 2000-407-C, specifically (i) regulation of these services listed above in the same manner as these services are regulated for AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc., (ii) removal of the maximum rate tariff requirements for the Company's business services, consumer card services, private line, and customer network-type offerings, except in instances governed by Order No. 2001-997 which reinstituted maximum rates for surcharges and rates associated with certain intrastate operator-assisted calls; (iii) presumptively valid tariff filings for these interexchange services unless an investigation of a particular filing is instituted within seven (7) days, in which case the tariff filing will be suspended until resolution of the investigation or until further order of the Commission; and (iv) allowing the Company the same treatment as AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc. in connection with any future relaxation of reporting requirements;

8) The Company agrees to resell the services only of those carriers authorized to do business in South Carolina by the Commission.

9) The Company agrees that it will allow an end-user of resold services to access an alternative interexchange carrier or operator service provider if the end-user expresses such a desire;

10) The Company agrees to file necessary financial and/or other information with the ORS and the Commission for universal service fund reporting, interim LEC fund reporting, annual reporting, gross receipts reporting, and/or any other reporting which may now or in the future be applicable to telecommunications providers such as the Company. The Parties agree that such reports shall be filed pursuant to ORS's instructions and monies shall be remitted in accordance with the directions of the ORS and the Commission requirements.

11) The Company agrees to maintain its books and records in a manner that would permit ORS to determine the company's South Carolina operations and to examine any of its reports filed with the Commission and provided to ORS.

12) The Company agrees to file with the Commission and ORS a completed authorized utility representative form within thirty (30) days of the Commission's order.

13) In the event the Company intends to offer prepaid calling card services in the future, the Company agrees that it shall file a request with the Commission and post a surety bond or certificate of deposit for prepaid services in the amount of \$5,000 as required by the Commission, prior to offering such services;

14) The Company agrees to comply with the verification regulations governing change of preferred carriers as established by Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). In addition, in the event that the Company offers long distance services to end users, the Company



agrees to comply with the marketing practices and guidelines established by the Commission in Order No. 95-658;

15) The Company agrees to comply with South Carolina Code Section § 58-9-300 entitled "Abandonment of Service." Additionally, to the extent applicable, the Company agrees to adhere to the FCC's rule 47 C.F.R. §§ 64.1190 and 64.1130 regarding preferred carrier freezes and the requirement that the form of the written authorization for the institution of the freeze be a separate or easily separable document. Prior to abandonment of service, the Company shall remove any preferred carrier freeze so as to enable consumers to seamlessly transfer their telephone numbers to another provider;

16) The Company agrees to comply with all rules and regulations of the Commission unless the Commission has expressly waived such rule or regulation;

17) The Company agrees to file a final revised tariff with both the ORS and the Commission and the revised tariff shall reflect and be in accordance with ORS's recommendations as set forth in the summary attached as Exhibit 1 to this Settlement Agreement.

18) ORS is charged by law with the duty to represent the public interest of South Carolina pursuant to S.C. Code § 58-4-10 (B). S.C. Code § 58-4-10(B)(1) through (3) read in part as follows:

... 'public interest' means a balancing of the following:

- (1) concerns of the using and consuming public with respect to public utility services, regardless of the class of customer;
- (2) economic development and job attraction and retention in South Carolina; and
- (3) preservation of the financial integrity of the State's public utilities and continued investment in and maintenance of utility facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality utility services.

ORS believes the Settlement Agreement reached among the Parties serves the public interest as defined above;

19) The Parties agree to advocate that the Commission accept and approve this Settlement Agreement in its entirety as a fair, reasonable and full resolution of all issues in the above-captioned proceeding and that the Commission take no action inconsistent with its adoption. The Parties further agree to cooperate in good faith with one another in recommending to the Commission that this Settlement Agreement be accepted and approved by the Commission. The Parties agree to use reasonable efforts to defend and support any Commission order issued approving this Settlement Agreement and the terms and conditions contained herein.

20) The Parties agree that signing this Settlement Agreement will not constrain, inhibit, impair or prejudice their arguments or positions held in other collateral proceedings, nor will it constitute a precedent or evidence of acceptable practice in future proceedings. If the Commission declines to approve the Settlement Agreement in its entirety, then any Party desiring to do so may withdraw from the Settlement Agreement in its entirety without penalty or obligation.

21) This Settlement Agreement shall be interpreted according to South Carolina law.

22) The above terms and conditions fully represent the agreement of the Parties hereto. Therefore, each Party acknowledges its consent and agreement to this Settlement Agreement by affixing its signature or by authorizing counsel to affix his or her signature to this document where indicated below. Counsel's signature represents his or her representation that his or her client has authorized the execution of the agreement. Facsimile signatures and email signatures shall be as effective as original signatures to bind any party. This document may be signed in counterparts, with the original signature pages combined with the body of the

document constituting an original and provable copy of this Settlement Agreement. The Parties agree that in the event any Party should fail to indicate its consent to this Settlement Agreement and the terms contained herein, then this Settlement Agreement shall be null and void and will not be binding on any Party.

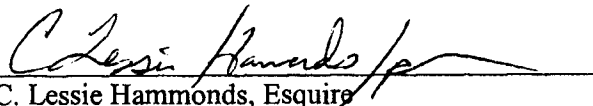
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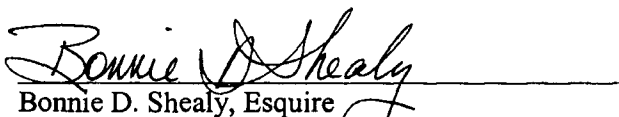


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**Recommendations for the Interexchange Reseller Toll Tariff of Central Telecom Long Distance, Inc**

**Section 2—Rules and Regulations**

**Original Sheet No. 15 2.9.2**—The Company should update the ORS address

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1401 Main Street, Suite 900  
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**Section 4—Maximum Rates and Charges**

**Original Sheet No. 31 4.1.9**—The Cost Recovery Charge refers to “interstate or international” calling and should therefore be changed to read “intrastate”.

**Additional Recommendations for the Interexchange Tariff**

- 1) If the Company charges any installation, connection, or maintenance charges, termination charges, etc. (in addition to the services listed in the tariff). These additional charges and the descriptions of the charges should be listed in the tariff with their current and maximum rates.
- 2) The Company should also provide tariffs and tariff revisions to the South Carolina Public Service Commission as well as the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (SC Reg. 103-629).
- 3) If the Company's Services involve Prepaid Calling Cards, the Company will be required to post a \$5,000 Surety Bond with the Public Service Commission.
- 4) The Company is applying for Modified Alternate Regulation by the PSC for its Interexchange tariff. As a general rule, the Company should include maximum rates and current rates for any service that may impact residential Customers. Any service that impacts Business Long Distance, Consumer Cards, and Operator Services (Including Directory Assistance) are exempt from maximum rates. Only current rates would need to be filed for these services.